



Looking Back: University League of Charlottesville

Celebrating 80 years as the University League

*Eight young women, daughters of
University of Virginia professors,
founded the University League in 1932. They wanted to convert female
spare time into volunteer time for the benefit of the Charlottesville
community.*



The University League focused a majority of their time on fundraising in order to financially support various community organizations. These fundraising efforts included the Opportunity Shop (1946), a Black out Ball (1940), Cookbooks (1970s), and even dog shows.






During the 1940s the League devoted all of their efforts towards the war. A motor corps was developed and staffed by the League, which served the Albemarle Chapter of the National defense.



In 1946 the League founded the Opportunity Shop. This was a thrift shop located on the downtown mall and provided clothing and household items for the community.



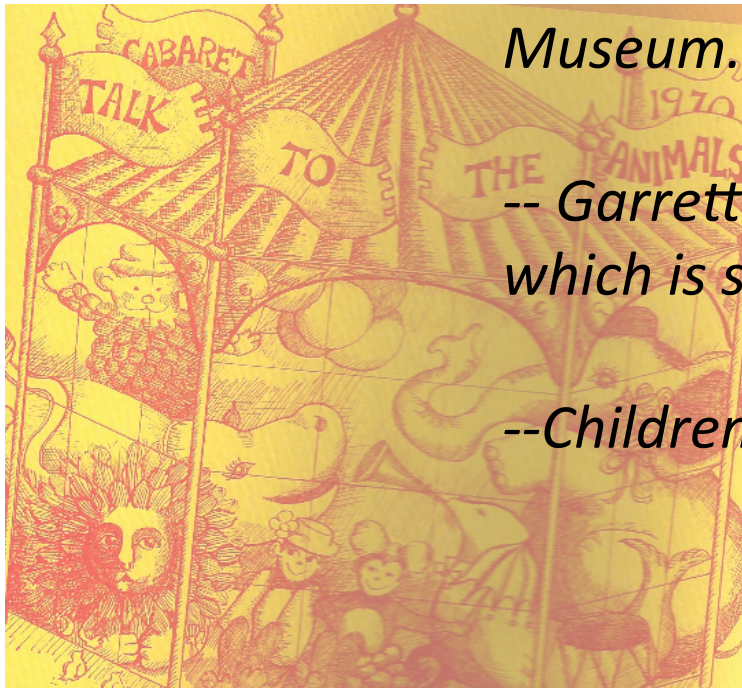
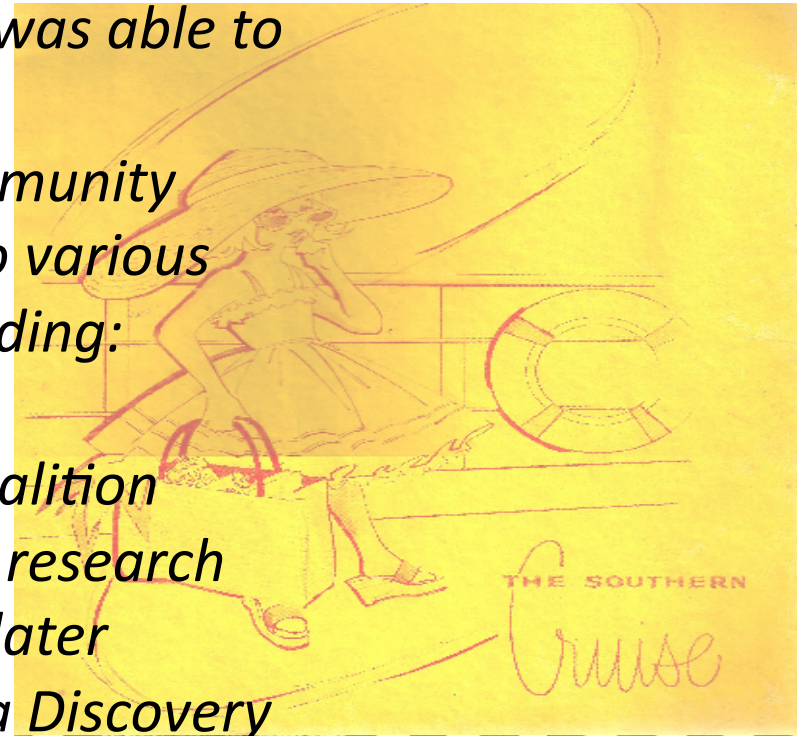
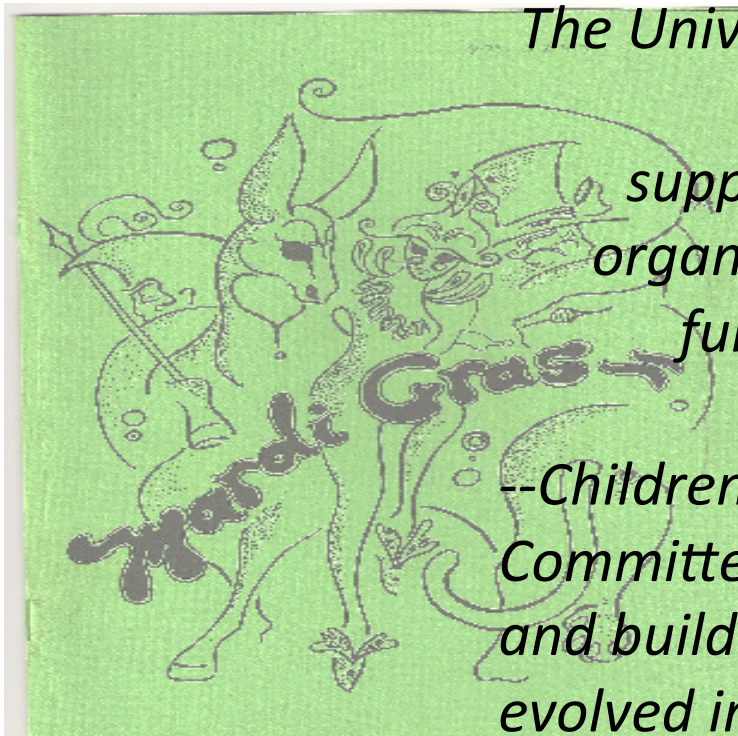
The League hosted several Cabarets and Follies between the 1950s and 60s. These events helped raise money for the community and programs that the League developed and funded.

The University League was able to financially support many community organizations due to various fundraisers including:

--Children's Museum Coalition Committee to help with research and build exhibits. This later evolved into the Virginia Discovery Museum.

-- Garrett-Barrett Day Care Center, which is still in operation TODAY!

--Children's Rehabilitation Center





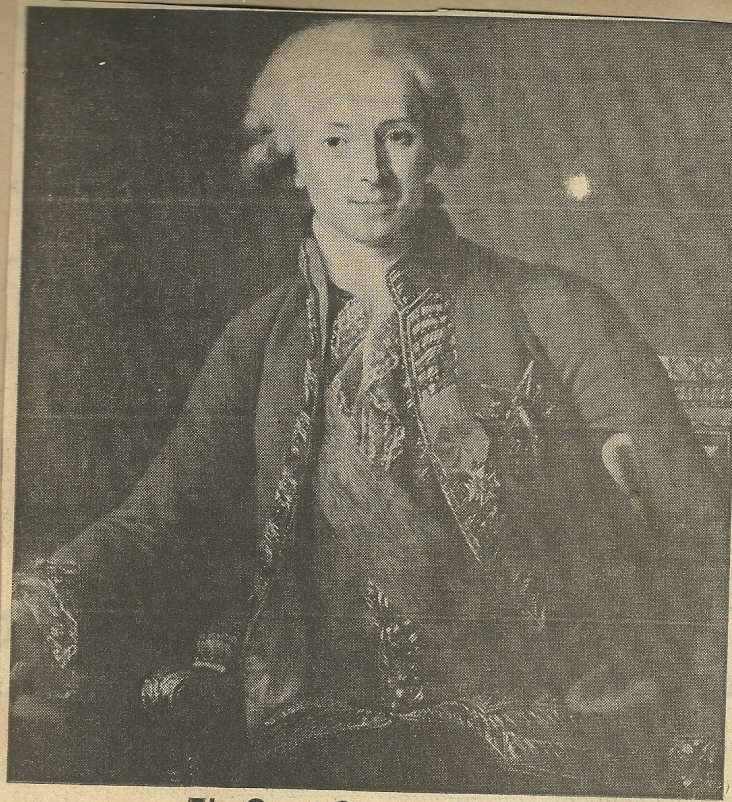
Members of the University League displaying their puppets during a play put on for the Children's Theater. They introduced school children to the arts with children's theater.



The University League refurbished the children's ward, and volunteers often helped care for children when the hospital needed extra help.



Senior Citizen Center.



The Count Comes to Town

The Count of Vaudreuil, an 18th century French nobleman, was painted in 1784 by Marie Louise Elizabeth Vigee-LeBrun. The portrait, along with 11 other French paintings of the 17th and

18th centuries, will be displayed in Charlottesville from today through Friday on the Virginia Museum's Artmobile II.

Artmobile Visits Charlottesville

Residents of the Charlottesville area will have a rare opportunity to see some of the South's finest 17th and 18th century French art in the Virginia Museum's Artmobile II, which arrived here today for a five-day exhibition.

The show, "An Age of Elegance and Grandeur," surveys the style of the great age of Louis XIV and includes paintings by Hubert Robert, Jean-Antoine Watteau, Jean Baptiste Greuze, Claude Vignon and other French artists.

The exhibition is sponsored by

the University League. Mrs. Gilbert Sullivan is president of the group.

In addition to paintings, the mobile gallery contains a pair of fine gilt Regency consoles of the early 18th century. Exhibited on them are two cherubic bronze sculptures by Guillaume de Groff, one of the leading sculptors of the Rococo school.

All the works on display in the artmobile are from the Virginia Museum's permanent collection of French art.

The artmobile was stationed

at Jefferson School today and was open from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m.

Tomorrow through Friday, it will be at the Barracks Road Shopping Center. The hours are as follows: tomorrow, 10 a.m. to noon, 1 to 3 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon, 1 to 5 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to noon, 1 to 5 p.m., 7 to 9 p.m.; and Friday, 10 a.m. to noon, 1 to 5 p.m., 7 to 9 p.m.

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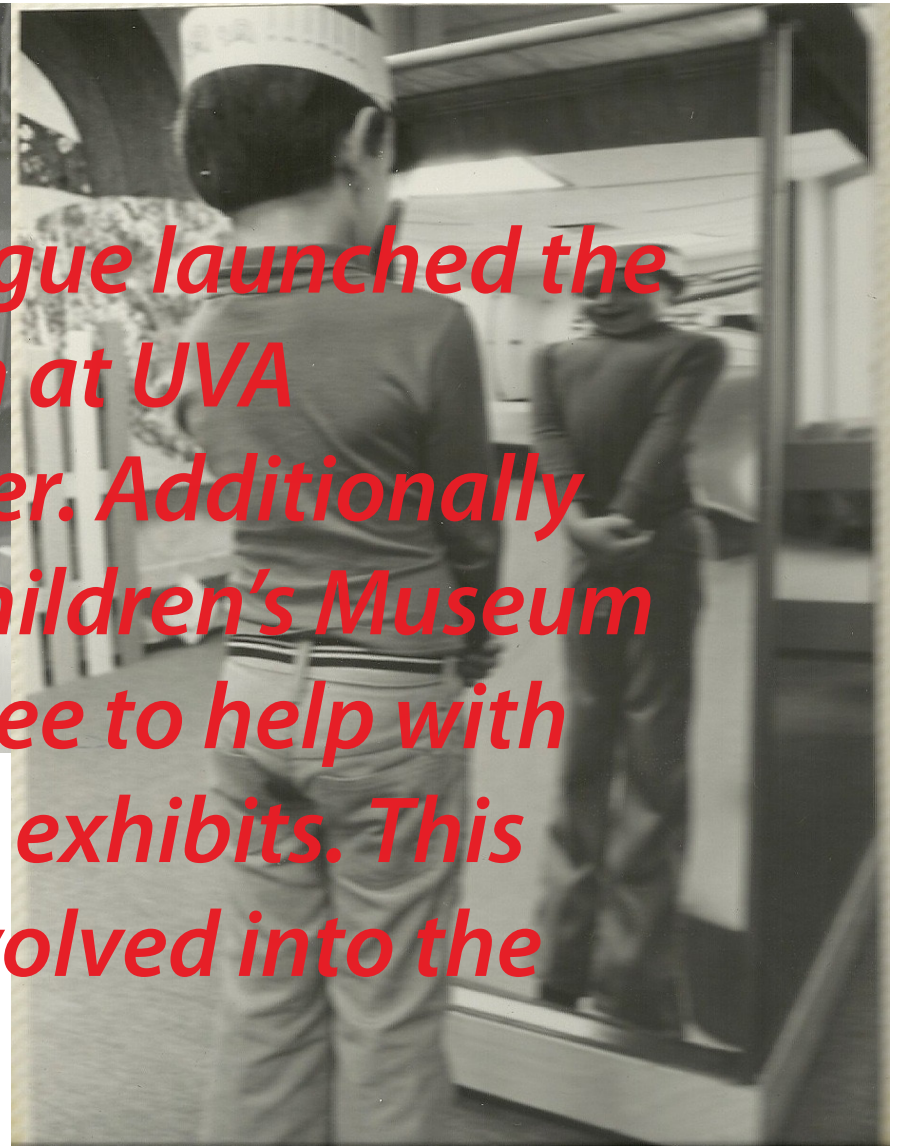
-- Children's Theater

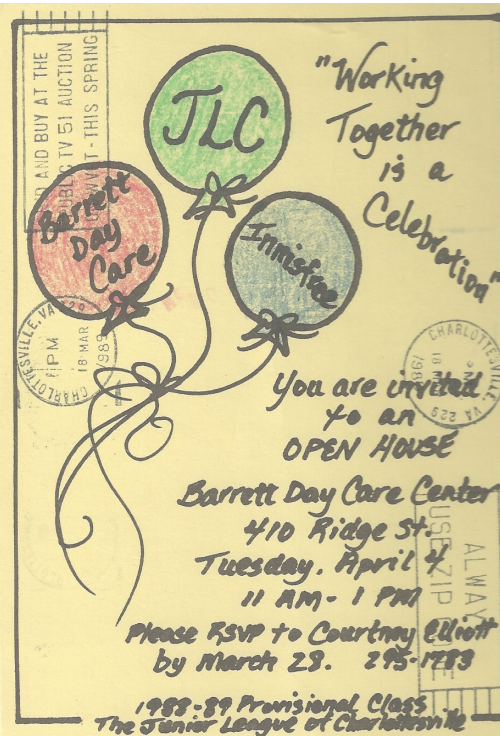
-- Refurbishment of the children's wing at Martha Jefferson Hospital.

--Brought art to the community.

--Researched, funded, planned, and manned the Senior Center until it became independent in 1965.

The University League launched the Children's Museum at UVA Primary Care Center. Additionally they formed the Children's Museum Coalition Committee to help with research and build exhibits. This committee later evolved into the Virginia Discovery Museum.





The Barrett Day Care Center was established in 1988. The Provisional class helped refurbish the house, decorate the interior, and donated new toys to the center.





Quackin' for a Cause was a fundraising event that helped raise money for the league's service projects, specifically Habitat For Humanity.





The JLC works hard to create a stronger and better community. We have worked with various community partners to maximize the effectiveness of our outreach efforts.





Kids in the Kitchen was initiated in 2006 to help the community address the urgent issues of childhood obesity. The Provisional class is in charge of this event and they are encouraged to make new and exciting additions.





The University League joined the Association of Junior League International Inc. (AJLI) in 1981. Although we are now associated with the Junior League, we still remember and celebrate our history of serving as the University League.



Our new logo was revealed last May during our last General Meeting.

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**If you are interested in helping digitize our
history we would love your help!**